

Gors Velen

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“ They soon saw the city; surrounded by walls, bristling with towers with glistening, pointed roofs. And beyond the city was the sea; grey-green, sparkling in the morning sun, flecked here and there with the white dots of sails. Ciri reined in her horse at the edge of a sandy drop, stood up in her stirrups and greedily breathed in the wind and the scent. ”

- pg. 50, *Time of Contempt* (U.K. edition)

Gors Velen is a port city on the northern coast of the [North Sea](#) in [Temeria](#). It is just east of [Cidaris](#), south of [Oxenfurt](#), and northwest of [Dorian](#).

Originally an [elven](#) settlement, Gors Velen under the [Temerian Dynasty](#) was transformed into one of the most influential trade cities in the west.

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Information

Type	City
Owner/Ruler	Temerian Dynasty
Country	Temeria
Region	Velen
Appearance(s)	
Books	<i>Blood of Elves</i> (mentioned) <i>Time of Contempt</i> <i>Szpony i kły</i>
Other	<i>A Witcher's Journal</i> (mentioned)

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History

Foundation

Satisfied with the surroundings, the [Aen Seidhe](#) founded a settlement in this location. Centuries later, in the 760s, the Nordlings [landed](#). Faced with an expansive new foe, the elves decided to retreat further inland and left the settlement for humans to claim.^[1]

Much later, the Nordling settlers, having united the flag of Temeria, constructed thirty-five foot high hewn stone and unfired brick walls, to defend the city against [battering rams](#).^[2]

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Erland's Deeds

In [1154](#), the sorceress Rayli unleashed a [fire elemental](#) in the Gors Velen marketplace, killing several people. The monsters rampage was ended by [Erland of Larvik](#) and his friends, Nylah and Vaz. While the latter two took care of Rayli, the [witcher](#) killed the elemental.^[3]

In [1171](#), Erland returned to the city and took out a contract on a [pesta](#) that was causing the city problems, which he soon dealt with.^[3]

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Foltest's Reign

Around [1266](#), between the [First](#) and [Second Northern War](#), King [Foltest](#) of Temeria introduced *ius stapulae* to Gors Velen, blocking all merchandise routes with inspection sites around the city, and seizing any [Redanian](#) or [Nilfgaardian](#) goods to be sold within the city.^[1]

Notable people

- [Fabio Sachs](#)
- [Hugo Ansbach](#)
- [Justin Ingvar](#)
- [Leila](#)
- [Molnar Giancardi](#)
- [Roderick](#)
- [Wilfli](#)

Locations

[Kardo Street](#) runs through the city connecting the main gate to the sea gate. The town is also well known for its [fish market](#) on [Winding Street](#), whose strong aromas attract the local [cat](#) population. In the center of the market stands the "Thief's Bastion".^[2]

- [Marketplace](#)
- [Fish market](#)
- [Giancardi Bank](#)
- [Thief's Bastion](#)
- [The Unlaced Corset](#)
- [The Silver Heron](#)
- [Saffron and Pepper](#)

Trivia

- The city's name seems to be [Elder Speech](#), possibly meaning "Velen Marsh" or "Marsh of Velen" but also corresponds to the Welsh 'Cors Felen' - 'Yellow Bog'.

References

1. [↑] ^{1.0} ^{1.1} [Blood of Elves](#)
 2. [↑] ^{2.0} ^{2.1} [Time of Contempt](#)
 3. [↑] ^{3.0} ^{3.1} [A Witcher's Journal](#)
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